

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 6 of the specification between lines 10 - 17 as follows:

The support material is preferably a structure built up from polymer fibres ~~around or~~ a porous polymer structure or an acellular biological tissue. Suitable synthetic polymers for this use also include bioerodible polymers, such as e.g. polyglycolic acid (PGA), polylactic acid (PLA), polyhydroxyalkanoate(PHA) and poly-4-hydroxybutyrate (P4HB), polycaprolactones, (PLGA), polycarbonates, polyamides, polyanhydrides, polyamino acids, polyorthoesters, polyacetates, polycyanoacrylates and degradable polyurethanes, and nonerodable polymers, such as polyacrylates, ethylene/vinyl acetate polymers and other substituted cellulose acetates as well as derivatives thereof. Polyesters are preferred here.